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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING
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REFERENCE: SANA 0469

1. IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSAL FOR FY-1978-79 TRAINING PROGRAM FOR YAR OFFICERS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING BY COB SEPTEMBER 29 YOUR LATEST AND BEST ASSESSMENT OF: (1) NUMBER OF SOVIET TRAINING SLOTS ACTUALLY TAKEN UP BY NORTH YEMENIS IN PAST, NUMBER CURRENTLY IN USSR, AND NUMBER SOVIETS MAY BE OFFERING FOR FUTURE (PLEASE BREAK DOWN, IF POSSIBLE, INTO GENERAL TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT-RELATED TRAINING); AND (2) YARG'S ABILITY IN PRACTICE TO FIND 30 - 40 OFFICERS ANNUALLY WITH THE QUALIFICATIONS AND/OR POTENTIAL TO BENEFIT FULLY FROM U.S. TRAINING.

2. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER EMBASSY ACTUALLY
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MENTIONED DOLS 500,000 FIGURE TO YARG AS PROBABLE FY 1976

TRAINING ALLOCATION (REF. SANA 0469) AND IF SO, WHETHER
YARG IS AWARE THAT THE FINAL AMOUNT AUTHORIZED WAS CONSID-
ERABLY LESS.

3. FYI: OMB IS SENSITIVE ABOUT ANY ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
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